

PTO Minutes
PTO Meeting
September 18, 2008

The meeting began at 9:05AM. Those attending were: Terry Gillach, Dawne Owen, Beth Shannon, Fiona Vickers, Christie Sprowl, Sue Hollingshead, Stephen Topping, and Vickie Thompson.

The following items were discussed:

1. Principal's Update- Terry Gillach:

Things are quite, except for construction.

Crosswalk across Knox has been re-painted. Teachers are assigned to be at the circle to guide kids to the crosswalk for crossing.

Teacher gift policy will be coming out soon.

"Thrive" should be sent to each household in the next couple of weeks. Terry is going to schedule the first Hot Topic night as a discussion around this book. Date not yet set, should be sometime in October. Terry has spoken to Chris King about coming out to the discussion.

The district is working on a new lunch program. All of the outside vendors have been terminated, primarily due to the high sodium content of their lunch selections.

2. Honor Roll Celebrations:

Terry reported that he and Kelly Fano had met to discuss options for these events due to the construction going on and the lack of parking to accommodate parents attending the breakfast celebrations. It was decided that there will be 2 celebrations. An evening celebration will take place at the end of the semester and again at the end of the school year. A card of recognition will go home after the first quarter.

3. Treasurer's Update- Beth Shannon:

Beth provided a copy of the Profit & Loss Statement for July 2008 through September 15, 2008. This contains the 2008-2009 budget passed by the Executive PTO Board on September 11, 2008.

Beth will write a check for the \$1000.00 we budgeted for the Busted Program and give it to Rebecca.

We discussed the line item set for the climbing wall with the amount of \$7000.00. This is a future expense PTO feels is worthy of funding. There has been talk that Fairview may want to use the wall. Terry has not yet had discussion with them about any potential funding assistance. The total price of this wall has not been finally determined. Terry has checked and the prices vary greatly depending on how much you want to put into it.

A question was raised regarding a return performance of the Baltimore Kids. Nothing definite is in the works, but Terry would love to have them come back.

Beth advised we had 2 checks written for King Soopers gift cards that bounced. She will check with the banks to see what course of action she can take to recover this money.

4. Cougar Challenge- Christie Sprowl:

We have collected about \$32,198.00 with about 53% participation. She will have the mailer ready to go out next week to all families who have not yet participated. She needs help with stuffing, labeling and stamping envelopes. Dawne, Beth, Stephen and Vickie volunteered

to help. We will meet at Christie's office at 11:00AM on Tuesday, September 23 to get this done.

5. Climbing to the Top – Dawne Owen:

Dawne handed out a flyer to be used in the next Cougar Challenge mailing. Sherry Meiners donated her time to design the graphics for the flyer. Suggestions were made to have the climber further up the wall to acknowledge the contributions we have received to date. It was also suggested that the flyer clearly state that it reflects the 2008-2009 Cougar Challenge goal, not the goal for the climbing wall.

Ashley Kirchner has volunteered to make a chart for the school lobby that will update everyone on the status of the challenge.

6. Conference Dinners :

Michelle Harvey, Sue Hollingshead and Nancy Turner are in charge of these dinners. Sue will take care of the beverages. She will purchase Hansons, ice tea, water bottles and bubbly water. She will check with the PE teachers and the office for additional coolers she needs.

Terry verified the following:

Monday, October 06—teachers on their own for dinner

Monday, October 27--PTO provides dinner

Monday, November 3--Administration provides dinner

Thursday November 6 --PTO provides dinner

7. King Soopers Certificates:

Nancy Casey will put together flyers to send out via email to encourage the purchase of King Soopers certificates to deplete our inventory. PTO will purchase some of the gift cards to be used to purchase food items needed for various events.

8. New Parent Coffee:

PTO will host a New Parent Coffee on October 8th from 8:45 to 9:30AM. All PTO Board Members and Project Coordinators are requested to be there. Dawne spoke with Jeannette Kornreich about asking the WEB parents to come. There will be a loose agenda to include introductions of PTO members and WEB parents. Terry also requested we use it as an opportunity to discuss Thrive.

Sue will check with Café Sole' about beverages and Dawne will get bakery items from King Soopers.

The next PTO meeting will be on Thursday, October 16, 2008.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10AM.

Respectfully submitted,

Vickie Thompson

PTO Secretary